



# CARES

## Commission Hearing

**When:** Tuesday, August 12, 2003  
9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel  
Harborside Ballroom (Salon D)  
700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202  
Phone: 410-385-3000

### **Purpose:**

The VA Capitol Health Care Network (VISN 5) is hosting a Hearing about the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process. The Hearing will allow audience members to listen to oral comments provided by various stakeholder groups to the CARES Commission about the CARES process and how the Draft National CARES Plan will impact the Martinsburg, WV, and Washington, DC, VA Medical Centers, and the facilities throughout the VA Maryland Health Care System. The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, established the CARES Commission to provide an objective, independent review of the draft National CARES Plan.

### **Who May Attend:**

The hearing is open to the public. All veteran patients, employees, veteran service organization representatives, unions, volunteers, elected officials and local community members may attend the CARES Commission Hearing to listen to oral comments from representatives of various VISN 5 stakeholder groups. VISN 5 staff members will be on hand before and after the CARES Commission Hearing to answer questions and to assist stakeholders who wish to submit written comments to the Commission about the Draft National CARES Plan.

### **Transportation and Directions:**

There will be a shuttle bus available to take audience members to the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel from the Washington and Martinsburg VA Medical Centers. To reserve space on one of the shuttle buses, please call the CARES Hotline for VISN 5 at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7384. If you plan on driving to the Hearing and you need directions, please contact the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel at 410-385-3000. For additional information about the CARES Commission Hearing, please call the CARES Hotline for VISN 5 at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7384.

*A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided.*